

ROWING MATCHES IN ENGLAND.

Referring to the recent match between Harvard and Oxford, the London Athenaeum gives the following interesting sketch of the rise and progress of the art of rowing in England:—

Seine and on other rivers of France, last week. The Londoners in Elizabeth's father's time had, however, seen better aquatic sport afforded them by foreigners than that which the Queen witnessed at Sandwich by the Walloons. In 1528, the Thames and its banks were in a state of great excitement at a race between a French vessel and a Dutch.

livered watermen, the procession in boats moved on Midsummer Eve, between 5 and 6 o'clock, to Ranelagh. Each division was led by a grand marshal in a twelve-oared barge. The river, on each side of the division, was lined by barges, more or less decorated, for admission to which half-a-guinea was taken; while for a penny to half a crown was exacted for permission even to stand on the banks on sites whence the show could be seen, and the standers thereon might hear the concerts and the cannon, both of which made desperate noise upon the perplexed waters.

reception. On this occasion the Doggett prizes were to be distributed, and a happy thought of the stewards effected a change in the old programme. In place of the armed soldiery, they collected all the winners of Doggett's Coat and Badge upon whom they could lay hands. There were about a score of them, of various ages, of course. They wore their quaint old Orange coats, the skirts in full, close plaits, and the bright badge glittering on the right arm. Each man had been the best man on the river once in his life at least; and they formed a corps of aquatic champions. Thus, the Prince, in place of finding ushers to the feast in soldiers presenting muskets, was escorted to the banquet by a score of water heroes, who were clad in the livery of an old actor's loyalty.

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As for regattas, the first in England was not that of 1775, the talking about which induced ladies to do away with the fashion of waders, and of weeping, hitherto much in vogue; and the getting-up of which actually made the men for awhile forget the American war.

Of that olden time, one fragment alone survives in Doggett's Coat and Badge, or rather in the money given in lieu of a costume which is now rarely to be seen.

At that period there had not yet gone quite out an old river practice, when the proprietors of Vauxhall and of Astley's frequently got up matches on the river. These were rowed for a prize wherry, which was delivered to the winner in the gardens or on the stage at the Amphitheatre.

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Subsequently water-pageants were common enough on the Thames, but we hear nothing that can be fairly called "races" except it be a sort of matches between wickedly-inclined people and their pursuers. In the Plantagenet time all boats, at night, were brought over from the Southwark side to the Tower side, where they were moored.

Between the establishing of the match and the introduction of the regatta in 1775, Lady Wortley Montagu had written the descriptive letter which is so often referred to. But her Venetian regatta on the Adriatic was had not its fellow on our Thames.

An incident not wanting in dignity connects the old King William the Fourth with these lusty young fellows. Windsor was all the same May afternoon in 1837, after the astral one May Datchet Bridge to a turn, the famous race from a quarter down stream, and back again through the bridge. It was won by Westminster. Eton was eight lengths astern.

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